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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CLINT EASTWOOD, an individual;

Plaintiff,

v.

PALLISER FURNITURE, LTD., a  
Canadian corporation; PALLISER  
FURNITURE CORP., a North Dakota  
corporation; and DOES 1-10, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.

**CV08-00266**

**COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES  
AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF  
FOR:**

- (1) False Designation of Origin and  
False Endorsement in Violation  
of Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C.  
§1125(a);
- (2) Misappropriation of Name in  
Violation of CA Civil Code  
§3344; and
- (3) Common Law  
Misappropriation of Name

**(JURY TRIAL DEMANDED)**

Plaintiff CLINT EASTWOOD hereby alleges as follows:

**PARTIES**

1. Plaintiff CLINT EASTWOOD ("Plaintiff" or "Eastwood") is, and at all times mentioned herein was, an individual residing in Monterey County, California.
2. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that defendant

1 PALLISER FURNITURE, LTD. ("PFL") is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a  
2 Canadian corporation, with its principal place of business in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada  
3 and doing business in Los Angeles County, California.

4 3. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that defendant  
5 PALLISER FURNITURE CORP. ("PFC") is, and at all times mentioned herein was, a  
6 North Dakota corporation, with its principal place of business located in North Carolina  
7 and doing business in Los Angeles County, California.

8 4. Plaintiff is unaware of the true names and capacities of defendants, whether  
9 individual, corporate and/or partnership entities, named herein as DOES 1 through 10,  
10 inclusive, and therefore sues them by their fictitious names. Plaintiff will seek leave to  
11 amend this complaint when their true names and capacities are ascertained. Plaintiff is  
12 informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that defendants PFL and PFC, together  
13 with DOES 1 through 10, inclusive (collectively "Defendants"), participated in some  
14 manner in the acts, omissions or conduct of each of the other Defendants as alleged herein  
15 and/or are responsible in some manner for the damages sustained by Plaintiff as alleged  
16 herein and/or acted as an agent for or in conspiracy with (or otherwise under the direction  
17 or control of) each of the other Defendants with regard to the allegations contained in this  
18 complaint and/or is in some manner legally and/or equitably responsible for the events  
19 and happenings referred to herein and/or proximately caused the damage referred to  
20 herein.

21 5. Said Defendants are sued as principals or agents, partners, servants and  
22 employees of said principals, or any combination thereof, and all of the acts performed by  
23 them as agents, partners, servants and employees were performed within the course and  
24 scope of their employment, and with the knowledge, consent, approval and ratification of  
25 said principals, and each of them.

26 6. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that at all  
27 relevant times herein, each of the Defendants, including DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,  
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1 directed, knew or reasonably should have known of the acts and behavior alleged herein  
2 and the damages caused thereby, and by their actions and/or inaction directed, ratified and  
3 encouraged such acts and behavior.

4 7. Plaintiff further alleges that Defendants had a non-delegable duty to prevent  
5 such acts and the behavior described herein, which duty Defendant failed and/or refused  
6 to perform.

### 7 JURISDICTION AND VENUE

8 8. This is an action for false designation of origin and false endorsement under  
9 section 43 of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §1125, as well as related claims of statutory and  
10 common law misappropriation of rights of personality under California law. This Court  
11 has subject matter jurisdiction over the claims that relate to the Lanham Act pursuant to  
12 15 U.S.C. §1121 and 28 U.S.C. §§1331, 1338.

13 9. This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over the claims in this Complaint  
14 that arise under the laws of the State of California pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1367(a), since  
15 the state law claims are so related to the federal claims that they form a part of the same  
16 case or controversy and derive from a common nucleus of operative facts.

17 10. In addition, this Court has diversity jurisdiction over this action pursuant to  
18 28 U.S.C. §1332. This controversy is between citizens of this state and citizens or  
19 subjects of a foreign state, and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.

20 11. Venue is proper in the Central District of California pursuant to 28 U.S.C.  
21 §§1391(b) and (c) because, among other things, Plaintiff is informed and believes, and  
22 based thereon alleges, that defendants PFL and PFC conduct substantial business with the  
23 District through wholesale and retail sales made to retailers and/or consumers located  
24 within the District. Plaintiff is further informed and believes, and based thereon alleges,  
25 that Defendants operate a website located at www.palliser.com (the "Palliser Website")  
26 through which they intentionally and purposefully direct commercial activity to residents  
27 of the State of California, including residents of this District. Plaintiff is informed and  
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believes, and based thereon alleges, that residents of this District interact with the Palliser Website by, among other things: (i) responding to direct solicitations on the Palliser Website for consumers to communicate with Defendants via e-mail if they are interested in a particular product or model, which Defendants then respond to personally and directly; and (ii) utilizing the “retailer” section of the Palliser Website, which requires all retailers, including those located within the District, to use a password.

### **SUMMARY OF CLAIMS**

12. Plaintiff Eastwood is a well known and widely admired motion picture actor, director and producer.

13. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants, which comprise one of the largest upholstery manufacturers in the world, have been unlawfully manufacturing, offering for sale and selling, advertising, marketing and distributing a so-called “home theater chair” called “The Eastwood” without the permission of Plaintiff.

14. The unlawful actions of the Defendants amount to a willful and conscious disregard for the rights of Plaintiff, and are knowingly and intentionally designed to capitalize on the goodwill, recognition and fame associated with Plaintiff Eastwood.

### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

#### **A. Clint Eastwood – Life & Career**

15. Clint Eastwood, with a career spanning over fifty (50) years, has had one of the entertainment industry’s most successful and celebrated acting, directing and producing careers.

16. As a television actor, Mr. Eastwood first achieved widespread recognition as a featured actor in the television series *Rawhide*, starring in the role of Rowdy Yates from 1959 to 1965.

17. As a feature motion picture actor, Mr. Eastwood has been a leading actor since the late 1960’s, appearing in films ranging from westerns such as *The Good, The*

1 *Bad and The Ugly* and *Unforgiven*; to dramas such as *Play Misty for Me* and *Million*  
2 *Dollar Baby*; from comedies such as *Every Which Way But Loose*, to political thrillers  
3 such as *In The Line of Fire*; and of course, in the *Dirty Harry* series of crime dramas,  
4 playing the iconic Detective Harry Callahan.

5 18. As a director, Mr. Eastwood has directed almost thirty (30) films, including  
6 winning Academy Awards as the Best Director for both *Unforgiven* and *Million Dollar*  
7 *Baby*.

8 19. As a producer, Mr. Eastwood has been nominated for four Academy Awards  
9 for Best Picture, including *Unforgiven*, *Million Dollar Baby*, *Mystic River* and most  
10 recently, *Letters from Iwo Jima*.

11 20. In 1994, Mr. Eastwood also received the Academy of Motion Picture Arts  
12 and Sciences' prestigious Irving G. Thalberg Memorial Award for lifetime achievement,  
13 and in 2000, the Kennedy Center Honors Award.

14 21. Mr. Eastwood also served as the elected mayor of Carmel, California from  
15 1986 to 1988.

16 **B. Mr. Eastwood's Limited Licensing Program**

17 22. From time to time, Mr. Eastwood receives solicitations from third parties  
18 seeking to license his personality rights, namely his valuable name, image and likeness,  
19 for commercial purposes.

20 23. Mr. Eastwood has a long standing history of rejecting third party licenses,  
21 reserving the exploitation of his personality rights and the goodwill associated therewith  
22 to his motion picture and other entertainment related projects, and to other business  
23 ventures in which Mr. Eastwood is personally involved.

24 **C. Defendants' Sale of "The Eastwood" Home Theater Chair.**

25 24. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants  
26 have been manufacturing, offering for sale and selling, advertising, marketing and  
27 distributing in interstate commerce, including within the District, a line of so-called  
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1 “home theater chairs,” one of which is called “The Eastwood.”

2 25. Defendants never requested the permission of Plaintiff, and Plaintiff has  
3 never granted permission to Defendants, to utilize his name, image and/or likeness in  
4 connection with “The Eastwood” home theater chair or any other product.

5 26. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants  
6 also have been manufacturing, offering for sale and selling, advertising, marketing and  
7 distributing “home theater chairs” named after various other living and deceased  
8 celebrities, including “The Brando,” “The Cagney,” “The Cooper,” “The Bronson” and  
9 “The Connery.”

10 **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

11 **(False Designation of Origin and False Endorsement in**

12 **Violation of Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §1125(a),**

13 **As Against All Defendants)**

14 27. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 26,  
15 inclusive, as though set forth fully herein.

16 28. Defendants’ use, and continuing use, in interstate commerce of the name  
17 “Eastwood” in connection with “The Eastwood” home theater chair constitutes a violation  
18 of 15 U.S.C. §1125(a) in that it creates a false designation of origin as to the goods  
19 advertised, distributed, offered for sale and sold by Defendants, which is likely to  
20 confuse, mislead, or deceive the consuming public and trade by creating the false  
21 impression that “The Eastwood” home theater chairs advertised, distributed, offered for  
22 sale and sold by Defendants have been manufactured, approved, sponsored, endorsed or  
23 guaranteed by, or are in some way affiliated, connected or associated with, Plaintiff.

24 29. Defendants’ use, and continuing use, in interstate commerce of the name  
25 “Eastwood” in connection with “The Eastwood” home theater chair also constitutes a  
26 false or misleading description or representation in interstate commerce, in violation of 15  
27 U.S.C. §1125(a).

30. As a direct and proximate result of the conduct of Defendants, Plaintiff is entitled pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1117(a) to the recovery of: (i) Defendants' profits related to "The Eastwood" home theater chair; (2) any damages sustained by Plaintiff as a result of Defendants' conduct, the precise amount of which shall be established by Plaintiff at trial; and (3) the costs of the action herein.

31. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants have committed the acts alleged above with the willful intent to trade on Plaintiff's good will and reputation in the context of a product (a home theater chair) closely associated with Plaintiff's core business and career. As such, this case is exceptional under 15 U.S.C. §1117(a), entitling Plaintiff to the recovery of his attorneys fees and treble damages.

## **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

**(Misappropriation of Name in Violation of California Civil Code §3344**

**As Against All Defendants)**

32. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 26, inclusive, as though set forth fully herein.

33. Defendants have violated Plaintiff's exclusive rights by knowingly and intentionally using Plaintiff Eastwood's name, without his prior consent, for commercial purposes, gain and profit, directly in connection with manufacturing, offering for sale and selling, advertising, marketing and distributing "The Eastwood" home theater chair.

34. The use of the name "Eastwood" by Defendants in connection with manufacturing, offering for sale and selling, advertising, marketing and distributing "The Eastwood" home theater chair has directly resulted in substantial and ongoing harm and injury to Plaintiff, in that, among other things, the world famous Clint Eastwood name is being falsely associated with Defendants' product, "The Eastwood" home theater chair.

35. As a direct and proximate result of the conduct of Defendants, Plaintiff is statutorily entitled to the recovery of both: (i) Plaintiff's actual damages; and (ii)

1 Defendants' profits related to manufacturing, offering for sale and selling, advertising,  
 2 marketing and distributing "The Eastwood" home theater chair, which Plaintiff is  
 3 informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, exceeds \$75,000.

4 36. As a further direct and proximate result of the Defendants' knowing, willful  
 5 and conscious disregard for the rights of Plaintiff, Defendants are guilty of oppression,  
 6 fraud and malice, entitling Plaintiff to an award of punitive damages.

7 37. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants  
 8 have continued to manufacture, offer for sale and sell, advertise, market and distribute  
 9 "The Eastwood" home theater chair. Unless and until enjoined and restrained by order of  
 10 this Court, Plaintiff will continue to suffer great and irreparable injury in that his world  
 11 famous name is being falsely associated with Defendants' product, "The Eastwood" home  
 12 theater chair. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law for such injury.

### 13 **THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

#### 14 **(Misappropriation of Name or Likeness in Violation of Common Law**

#### 15 **As Against All Defendants)**

16 38. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations in paragraphs 1 through 26,  
 17 inclusive, as though set forth fully herein.

18 39. Defendants have violated Plaintiff's exclusive right by knowingly and  
 19 intentionally using Plaintiff Eastwood's name, without his prior consent, for commercial  
 20 purposes, gain and profit in connection with manufacturing, offering for sale and selling,  
 21 advertising, marketing and distributing "The Eastwood" home theater chair.

22 40. The use of the name "Eastwood" by Defendants in connection with  
 23 manufacturing, offering for sale and selling, advertising, marketing and distributing "The  
 24 Eastwood" home theater chair has directly resulted in substantial and ongoing harm and  
 25 injury to Plaintiff, in that, among other things, his world famous name is being falsely  
 26 associated with Defendants' product, "The Eastwood" home theater chair.

27 41. As a direct and proximate result of the conduct of Defendants, Plaintiff is



1 entitled to the recovery of general and compensatory damages related to Defendants  
2 manufacturing, offering for sale and selling, advertising, marketing and distributing "The  
3 Eastwood" home theater chair, the precise amount of which shall be established at trial,  
4 according to proof, but which Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon  
5 alleges, exceeds \$75,000.

6 42. As a further direct and proximate result of the Defendants' knowing, willful  
7 and conscious disregard for the rights of Plaintiff, Defendants are guilty of oppression,  
8 fraud and malice, entitling Plaintiff to an award of punitive damages.

9 43. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that Defendants  
10 have continued to manufacture, offer for sale and sell, advertise, market and distribute  
11 "The Eastwood" home theater chair. Unless and until enjoined and restrained by order of  
12 this Court, Plaintiff will continue to suffer great and irreparable injury in that his world  
13 famous name is being falsely associated with Defendants' product, "The Eastwood" home  
14 theater chair. Plaintiff has no adequate remedy at law for such injury.

15 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendants, and each of  
16 them, jointly and severally, as follows:

17 1. For recovery of Defendants' profits related to "The Eastwood" home theater  
18 chair, as permitted by 15 U.S.C. §1117(a) and California Civil Code §3344;

19 2. For Plaintiff's general and compensatory damages, in excess of \$75,000, and  
20 the precise amount of which shall be established at trial, according to proof;

21 3. For three times the amount of Plaintiff's actual damages, as permitted by 15  
22 U.S.C. §1117(a);

23 4. For punitive damages, the precise amount of which shall be established at  
24 trial, according to proof, as permitted by California Civil Code §3344;

25 5. For a preliminary injunction enjoining Defendants and their respective  
26 officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and those persons in active concert or  
27 participation with any of them, in this District, anywhere throughout the United States,

1 and anywhere in the world, including without limitation Canada, from:

- 2 a. Making any unauthorized use of the name "Eastwood" or "Clint  
3 Eastwood" in connection with the sale of any so-called "home theater  
4 chair" or any other goods or products;
- 5 b. Manufacturing, distributing, advertising, marketing, promoting,  
6 offering for sale, or selling any goods, labels, tags, logos, decals,  
7 emblems, signs and other forms of markings, packaging, wrappers,  
8 containers and receptacles, catalogs, price lists, promotional materials  
9 and the like bearing use of the name "Eastwood" or "Clint  
10 Eastwood";
- 11 c. Using any name or trade dress that may be calculated to falsely  
12 represent or that has the effect of falsely representing that its so-  
13 called "home theater chair" or any other products or goods of  
14 Defendants are sponsored by, originate with, or are in any way  
15 approved by Plaintiff;
- 16 d. Falsely representing themselves or their goods or services as  
17 affiliated, connected or associated with Plaintiff;
- 18 e. Manufacturing, advertising, marketing, promoting, offering for sale,  
19 selling, importing, exporting, and/or distributing "The Eastwood"  
20 home theater chair and/or anything substantially similar thereto, or  
21 any reproduction, counterfeit, copy or colorable imitation thereof,  
22 through any means whatsoever, including but not limited to retail,  
23 wholesale, mall kiosks, via the internet, mail order, telephone, toll-  
24 free or "800" numbers or any other method of inter- or intrastate  
25 commerce;
- 26 f. Assisting, aiding or abetting any other person or entity from engaging  
27 in any of the acts set forth in (a) through (e) above;

h. Requiring Defendants to deliver all products, merchandise, advertising, promotional materials, magazines and any other things bearing the name "Eastwood" or "Clint Eastwood" or any likenesses of Plaintiff Eastwood and all other items which are confusingly similar thereto, as well as all material used to create such advertising, promotional materials, magazines, and things to Plaintiff for destruction or other disposition by Plaintiff; and

i. Requiring that Defendants be made to account to Plaintiff for all sales of merchandise utilizing the name of "Eastwood" or "Clint Eastwood" from the inception of said sales to the date of judgment herein;

6. Upon final hearing, that said injunction be made permanent;

7. For attorney's fees, as permitted by 15 U.S.C. §1117(a) and California Civil Code §3344;

8. For costs of suit incurred herein; and

9. Such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: 1/16/08

WOLF, RIFKIN, SHAPIRO, SCHULMAN  
& RABKIN, LLP

By: 

JEFFREY I. ABRAMS  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
Clint Eastwood

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff CLINT EASTWOOD hereby demands a jury trial in this action.

Dated: 1/16/08

WOLF, RIFKIN, SHAPIRO, SCHULMAN  
& RABKIN, LLP

By: 

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Clint Eastwood

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

**NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY**

This case has been assigned to District Judge J. Spencer Letts and the assigned discovery Magistrate Judge is Rosalyn M. Chapman.

The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

**CV08- 266 JSL (RCx)**

Pursuant to General Order 05-07 of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, the Magistrate Judge has been designated to hear discovery related motions.

The United States District Judge assigned to this case will review all filed discovery motions and thereafter, on a case-by-case or motion-by-motion basis, may refer discovery related motions to the Magistrate Judge for hearing and determination

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**NOTICE TO COUNSEL**

*A copy of this notice must be served with the summons and complaint on all defendants (if a removal action is filed, a copy of this notice must be served on all plaintiffs).*

Subsequent documents must be filed at the following location:

☒ **Western Division**  
312 N. Spring St., Rm. G-8  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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411 West Fourth St., Rm. 1-053  
Santa Ana, CA 92701-4516

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Riverside, CA 92501

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
CIVIL COVER SHEET**I (a) PLAINTIFFS** (Check box if you are representing yourself ☐)

CLINT EASTWOOD, an individual;

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**DEFENDANTS**PALLISER FURNITURE, LTD., a Canadian corporation;  
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corporation; and DOES 1-10, inclusive

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (In U.S. Plaintiff Cases Only):

## Attorneys (If Known)

**II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION** (Place an X in one box only.)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff ☒ 3 Federal Question  
(U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant ☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of  
Parties in Item III)

**III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES** - For Diversity Cases Only

(Place an X in one box for plaintiff and one for defendant.)

- |  | PTF                        | DEF                        |  | PTF                        | DEF                        |
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| Citizen of This State                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place<br>of Business in this State     | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place<br>of Business in Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a<br>Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation   | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

**IV. ORIGIN** (Place an X in one box only.)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding ☐ 2 Removed from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify): ☐ 6 Multi-District Litigation ☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judge

**V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: JURY DEMAND:** ☒ Yes ☐ No (Check 'Yes' only if demanded in complaint.)**CLASS ACTION** under F.R.C.P. 23: ☐ Yes ☒ No **MONEY DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT:** \$ 75,000.00**VI. CAUSE OF ACTION** (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)

15 U.S.C. 1125 - FALSE DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN

**VII. NATURE OF SUIT** (Place an X in one box only.)

OTHER STATUTES	CONTRACT	TORTS PERSONAL INJURY	TORTS PERSONAL PROPERTY	PRISONER PETITIONS	LABOR
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<input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust	<input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine	<input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending	<input type="checkbox"/> 530 General	<input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations
<input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking	<input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander	<input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage	<input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty	<input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act
<input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument	<input type="checkbox"/> 330 Fed. Employers' Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus/Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act
<input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation	<input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine	<b>BANKRUPTCY</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights	<input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litig.
<input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations	<input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158	<input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition	<input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act
<input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit	<input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loan (Excl. Veterans)	<input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157	<b>FORFEITURE/PENALTY</b>	<b>PROPERTY RIGHTS</b>
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<input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service	<input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits	<input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury	<input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting	<input type="checkbox"/> 620 Other Food & Drug	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark
<input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange	<input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury-Med Malpractice	<input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881	<b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410	<input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury-Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations	<input type="checkbox"/> 630 Liquor Laws	<input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff)
<input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	<input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 444 Welfare	<input type="checkbox"/> 640 R.R. & Truck	<input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923)
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<input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Info. Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land				<input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)
<input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice	<input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability				<input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS - Third Party 26 USC 7609
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**VIII(a). IDENTICAL CASES:** Has this action been previously filed and dismissed, remanded or closed? ☒ No ☐ Yes

If yes, list case number(s):

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:** Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
CIVIL COVER SHEET

AFTER COMPLETING THE FRONT SIDE OF FORM CV-71, COMPLETE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW.

VIII(b). RELATED CASES: Have any cases been previously filed that are related to the present case? ☐ No ☒ Yes

If yes, list case number(s): CV07-07595 MMM (SSx)

Civil cases are deemed related if a previously filed case and the present case:

- (Check all boxes that apply) ☒ A. Arise from the same or closely related transactions, happenings, or events; or  
☒ B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or  
☐ C. For other reasons would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges; or  
☐ D. Involve the same patent, trademark or copyright, and one of the factors identified above  
in a, b or c also is present.

IX. VENUE: List the California County, or State if other than California, in which **EACH** named plaintiff resides (Use an additional sheet if necessary)☐ Check here if the U.S. government, its agencies or employees is a named plaintiff.

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X. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PRO PER):

Date 1/16/08

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Key to Statistical codes relating to Social Security Cases:

Nature of Suit Code	Abbreviation	Substantive Statement of Cause of Action
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
865	RSI	All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. (g))